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**CITY OF SEATTLE  
ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Application Number:** 2405208  
**Applicant Name:** Brittani Ard, Fifth Avenue Construction  
**Address of Proposal:** 2817 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue W

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION**

Master Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into four unit lots. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original lot and not to each of the new unit lots. SEPA review was done and a building permit issued for the construction of townhouses under DPD Project No. 2208607, Permit No. 747090. The subject of this analysis and decision is the proposed division of land only.

The following approval is required:

**Short Subdivision** - to create four unit lots.  
(SMC Chapter 23.24)

**BACKGROUND DATA**

**Zoning:** Lowrise 3  
**Date of Site Visit:** July 21, 2004  
**Uses on Site:** Two single family residences (Duplex)

**Public Comment:** No comment letters were received during the public comment period which ended September 8, 2004.

### **ANALYSIS - SHORT SUBDIVISION**

Pursuant to SMC 23.24.040, no short plat shall be approved unless all of the following applicable facts and conditions are found to exist.

1. *Conformance to the applicable Land Use Code provisions;*
2. *Adequacy of access for vehicles, utilities and fire protection, as provided in Section 23.53.005;*
3. *Adequacy of drainage, water supply, and sanitary sewage disposal;*
4. *Whether the public use and interests are served by permitting the proposed division of land;*
5. *Conformance to the applicable provisions of SMC Section 25.09.240, short subdivision and subdivisions in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*

#### **Summary - Short Subdivision**

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DPD, Water (SWD), Fire Departments (SFD), Seattle City Light and review by the Land Use Planner, the above cited criteria have been met subject to the conditions imposed at the end of this decision. The lots to be created by this short subdivision will meet all minimum standards or applicable exceptions of the set forth in the Land Use Code, and are consistent with applicable development standards. As conditioned, this short subdivision can be provided with vehicular access, public and private utilities and access (including emergency vehicles). Adequate provisions for drainage control, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal have been provided for each lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. The proposed plat maximizes the retention of existing trees. The public use and interest are served by the proposal since all applicable criteria are met and the proposal creates the potential for additional housing opportunities in the City.

The proposal site is located in an environmentally critical area; therefore SMC 25.09.240 is applicable. Environmental review was conducted under Master Use and Construction Permit 2208607 and was determined to not have a significant impact upon the environment (DNS).

### **ANALYSIS –UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION**

Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.045, Unit lot subdivisions, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating separate lots of record for the construction and/or transfer of title of townhouses, cottage housing, clustered housing, or single-family housing.

- A. *The unit subdivision provisions of SMC Section 23.24.045 apply exclusively to the unit subdivision of land for townhouses, cottage housing developments, residential cluster developments, and single-family residences in zones where such uses are permitted.*
- B. *Sites developed or proposed to be developed with dwelling units listed in subsection A above, may be subdivided into individual unit lots. The development as a whole shall meet development standards applicable at the time the permit application is vested. As a result of the subdivision, development on individual unit lots may be nonconforming as to some or all of the development standards based on analysis of the individual unit lot, except that any private, usable open space for each dwelling unit shall be provided on the same lot as the dwelling unit it serves.*
- C. *Subsequent platting actions, additions or modifications to the structure(s) may not create or increase any nonconformity of the parent lot.*
- D. *Access easements and joint use and maintenance agreements shall be executed for use of common garage or parking areas, common open space (such as common courtyard space for cottage housing), and other similar features, as recorded with the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections.*
- E. *A joint use and maintenance agreement has been included on the short plat documents and should also be included on the final documents for recording.*
- F. *Within the parent lot, required parking for a dwelling unit may be provided on a different unit lot than the lot with the dwelling unit, as long as the right to use that parking is formalized by an easement on the plat, as recorded with the Director of King County Department of Records and Elections.*
- G. *The facts that the unit lot is not a separate building lot, and that additional development of the individual unit lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot shall be noted on the plat, as recorded with the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections.*

#### Summary - Unit Lot Subdivision

Review of this application shows that the proposed short subdivision would conform to applicable standards of SMC 23.24.045 subject to the conditions imposed at the end of this decision. The proposed developments are townhouses, the structures, as reviewed under their separate building permits, conform to the development standards for the time the permit application was vested. To assure that future owners have constructive notice that additional development may be limited; the applicant will be required to add a note to the face of the plat that reads as follows: *“The lots created by this unit subdivision are not separate building lots. Additional development on these unit lots in this unit subdivision may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to their parent lot pursuant to applicable provisions of the Seattle Land Use Code.”* A joint use and maintenance agreement will be required as conditioned at the end of this decision. Open space will be

provided on each site. Two of the required parking spaces are parking pads, provided by easement for Unit Lots A and B, on the NW and SW corners of the Parent Lot.

### **DECISION – UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION**

The proposed Unit Lot Subdivision is **CONDITIONALLY GRANTED**.

### **CONDITIONS – UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION**

#### **Conditions of Approval Prior to Recording**

The owner(s) and/or responsible party(s) shall:

1. Provide on the plat a joint use and maintenance agreement.
2. Add the conditions of approval after recording on the face of the plat or on a separate page. If the conditions are on a separate page, insert on the plat “For conditions of approval after recording see page \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.”
3. Provide on the plat the required Seattle City Light Easement.
4. Have final recording documents prepared by or under the supervision of a Washington State licensed land surveyor. Each lot, parcel, or tract created by the short subdivision shall be surveyed in accordance with appropriate State statutes. The property corners set shall be identified on the plat and encroachments such as side yard easements, fences or structures shall be shown. Lot areas shall be shown on the plat. The lot areas of each parcel shall be shown on the recording documents.
5. Include the following on the face of the plat: “Unit lots resulting from this unit subdivision are not separate building lots. Additional development on any individual unit lot in this subdivision may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot.”
6. Post an address sign to benefit all units at a location visible from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and provide an easement, covenant, or other legal agreement to ensure that the address signage is maintained.
7. Submit the recording fee and final recording forms for approval.
8. Identify on the plat that parking pads to the NW and SW are for the use of Unit Lot A and Unit Lot B, respectively, as described in the legal descriptions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature on file) Date: June 16, 2005

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